

Council Minutes

September 8, 2025

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, September 8, 2025 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase (by on line) Council President Kevin Charboneau presiding, council members John Monette, Andrew Touchette, Carter Finegan, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Mike Brown, Kari Schulze, Chip Stearns, Frank Cheney Jr., Corey Marcoux, Frank Ricardi, Liam Abbate, Alison Low, members of the Press and Public.

Council President Charboneau called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Additions/Deletions

None

Consent Agenda

Minutes of 8/18/25, AP Warrants 8/27/25, 8/28/25, 9/4/25, PR Warrant 9/4/25, Liquor Licenses Eastside Restaurant and Eden Ice. Mr. Monette moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Ricardi Hearing for CDBG Grant

Mr. Ricardi announced that he was seeking a CDBG grant to remodel his Building to include five apartments on the second floor and three retail spaces on the bottom floor.

Presentation on Water Meters

Corey Marcoux updated the council on the water meter installation project.

Liam Abbate and Alison Low from NVDA

Presentation on Act 181, Future Land Use Tier 1A Maps. This includes exemptions from Act 250. Newport may opt in however the responsibility for compliance lies completely with the city should they chose to participate.

Facility Fee Schedule Approval for 2026, Recreation Department (attached)

Ms. Finegan moved to approve the fee schedule for 2026 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Proposed Action from Financial Consultant Chip Stearns (attached)

Mr. Stearns suggested moving CDBG and Public Safety retained funds to the General fund. Ms. Finegan moved to authorize the City Treasurer to transfer the excess CDBG and Public Safety fund balances to the General fund. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Task Force Reports

- A. Water/Sewer, Mr. Monette stated they are working on a five year budget projection and updating the Water ordinance.
- B. Financial Reporting and fiscal Practices, MS. Finegan stated they are working on a budgeting cycle, the chart of accounts and language for the budget article for Town Meeting in 2026.
- C. Housing Insecurity, Public Encampments, Community Safety, Mr. Charboneau stated they are working on an ordinance and Temporary shelters.
- D. Fire Department Strategic Planning, Mr. Touchette stated they are working on a consolidated Reporting Management System.

Public Comment

Anne Chiarello commented on TIF District RFP,s for real-estate issues and Increment financing.

Pam Ladds commented on ANR legal action on past Sewer leaks.

New Business

Ms. Finegan noted a Bike Path Meeting at the Gateway on Wednesday September 10th, the FRFP Task force meeting Friday at 4pm, and Municipal Day Workshop October 17th

Mr. Ufford-Chase thanked Ms. Schulze for doing a great job in her first two weeks.

Old Business

Mr. Ufford-Chase noted the new Fire truck is due to be delivered on September 18th and he is working with Municipal Leasing consultants on the financing.

Next Meeting Date

September 15, 2025

Adjournment

Mr. Monette moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Attested James Johnson this 15th day of September 2025

R. P. [Signature] Mayor

MEMO

To: Newport City Council

From: Michael Brown, Recreation Director

Date: August 28, 2025

Re: Request Approval for adjustment in the Fee Schedule for 2026

We would like to request approval for an update in the facility fee schedule. The adjusted rates are as follows (all other rates remain the same).

Harbor: We request to increase the slip rates and mooring rates to adjust for inflation, we have not raised rates since 2024. We are also requesting a removal of the monthly mooring rate since it isn't a product that has been purchased in at least 5 years along with a decrease in the seasonal mooring rate for rental of city owned equipment, the city has not had any mooring rentals in 5 years and we would like to attract new mooring users at a rate that is fair to both the consumer and city.

	2025	2026
Seasonal Slip - Resident - water & power	\$55 /foot	\$60 /foot
Seasonal Slip - Resident	\$50 /foot	\$55 /foot
Seasonal Slip - Nonresident - water & power	\$65 /foot	\$70 /foot
Seasonal Slip - Nonresident	\$60 /foot	\$65 /foot
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Moorings	season (station only)	season (station only)
	\$200	\$225
	\$20 /night	\$25 /night
	\$85 /week	\$90 /week
	\$325 /month	\$325 /month
	\$750 /season	\$450 /season

Gardner Park: We request to increase the tournament fee to align with other city facility rental fees.

Softball/Baseball Tournament (All 3 Fields)	\$230 /1 day	\$300 /1 day
	\$360 /2 days	\$500 /2 days
	\$470 /3 days	\$750 /3 days

Memo to council from Chip Stearns and the Financial Taskforce: 9/5/2025

Fund 5 C.D.B.G. is retaining \$31,856.64 with no active ongoing projects.

Fund 6 Public Safety is retaining \$13,128.61 more than the actual cash values reflect be held.

I suggest the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to make an adjustment to transfer from these excess fund balances to the general fund for the values presented.



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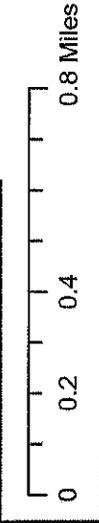
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DRAFT Map of Tiers of Act 250



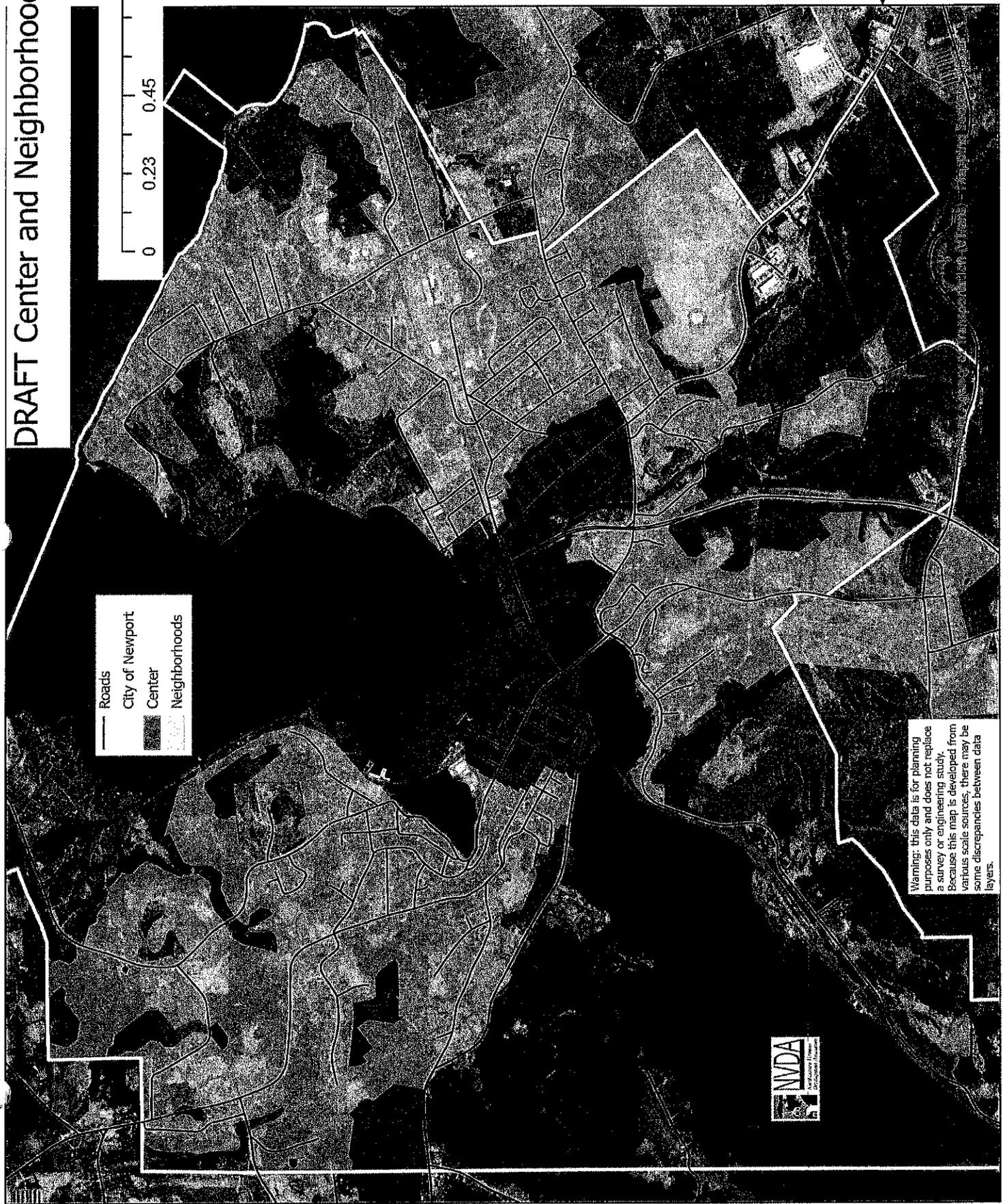
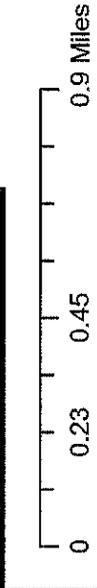
- City of Newport
- Tier 1A eligible
- Tier 1B eligible
- Tiers 2/3
- Roads

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DRAFT Center and Neighborhoods Map

— Roads
City of Newport
Center
Neighborhoods



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